



Adventist  
*Family Ministries*  
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION



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## Upcoming Events

March 2016



### [Caring for Marriage](#)

March 18, 2016

### [Christian Marriage](#)

April 10, 2016

### [Done with Self-harm](#)

April 10, 2016

### [Marriage Encounter](#)

April 15-17, 2016

### [NAD Day of Hope](#)

April 16, 2016

### [Single Moms & Kids Retreat](#)

June 9-12, 2016

### [Family Camp](#)

July 19-23, 2016

### [Hispanic Family Camp](#)

September 1-5, 2016

## From our Directors

### Here, There, and Everywhere



February has certainly been a very busy month for us. First we went to Camp Yorktown Bay where nearly fifty Hispanic couples gathered for a romantic couples retreat organized and sponsored by Pastor Juan Borges, Executive Secretary and Family Ministries Director of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference. The weather was perfect and the atmosphere throughout the weekend was very exciting, encouraging, and full of enthusiasm.

The following weekend the weather was a lot colder as we conducted a romantic couples retreat for more than fifty Hispanic couples in Boston, Massachusetts. Pastor Joel Ojeda, Hispanic Ministries Coordinator for the Southern New England Conference, and his wife Jackie, organized this retreat. While the weather outside was frightful (-11 Fahrenheit on Sunday and a wind chill factor of -38), the warmth of the couples inside was quite delightful. The following week found me (Claudio)

### [Family Labor Day Retreat](#)

September 2-5, 2016

### [Family Togetherness Week](#)

September 11-18, 2016

### [God in Shoes Ministry](#)

September 11-18, 2016

### [Family Togetherness](#)

#### [Sabbath](#)

September 17, 2016

### [Marriage Encounter Weekend](#)

November 4-6, 2016

### [Hispanic Couples Retreat](#)

November 18-19, 2016



### [21st Annual Dakota](#)

#### [Conference Men's Retreat](#)

March 11, 2016

### [Southwestern Union Men's](#)

#### [Curriculum Training](#)

March 18, 2016

### [Race to Win-Men's Ministries](#)

#### [Convention](#)

March 18, 2016

### [Men's Retreat](#)

April 15-17, 2016

### [NAD Day of Hope](#)

April 16, 2016

### [2016 Oregon Men's Summit](#)

April 29 - May 1, 2016

### [Men's Ministries Day of](#)

training 32 pastors of the Southeastern California Conference in the use of Prepare-Enrich. The rain in Riverside, at the conference office, made the surroundings look green, fresh, and beautiful.

The following week found us spending three days in Sacramento, California, for the North-American Division Asian/Pacific Pastors Convention. Pam spoke to the ministerial spouses and together we spoke to the entire group about maintaining a healthy balance between the ministry and their family life.

From Sacramento we traveled to Daytona Beach for a meeting of the Adventist Association of Family Life Professionals (AAFLP). You will read more about that when you receive the AAFLP's Spring newsletter.

And finally, we travelled to Worthington, Ohio, for a day-long combined meeting of the conference pastors and teachers. What a fantastic team of ministers the Ohio Conference has under the leadership of Ron Halvorsen, President, Buffy Halvorsen, FM Director, Oswaldo Magaña, Executive Secretary, and Ken Knudsen, Education Superintendent.

March will find me (Claudio) speaking at the Florida Conference Men's Retreat and then in Chicago attending a meeting of interdenominational Men's Ministries leaders. What a privilege it has been for us to serve so many people around our division!

Wherever you may be, we pray you are beginning to enjoy spring and warmer weather. We think about you and pray for you often.

Drs. Claudio & Pamela Consuegra  
NAD Family Ministries

## Ministry on the Move

### **Arkansas-Louisiana Conference Hispanic Couples Retreat**

Nearly forty couples gathered at Camp Yorktown Bay, near Hot Springs, Arkansas, for the annual

## [Prayer](#)

September 3, 2016

## [Men's Ministries Spanish Convention](#)

October 15, 2016

## [Men's Ministries Spanish Convention](#)

November 12, 2016



## [Rosario Singles Retreat](#)

April 1-3, 2016

## [Walking the Walk](#)

April 15, 2016

## [Set Free Global Summit](#)

April 4, 2016

## [NAD Day of Hope](#)

April 16, 2016

## [Single Adult Sabbath](#)

May 21, 2016

## [Camp Hope Fall Singles Retreat](#)

October 21, 2015



Hispanic Couples Retreat. Elder Juan Borges, Executive Secretary and Hispanic Coordinator of the conference,

organized the event where Drs. Claudio & Pamela Consuegra spoke for the five sessions. On Saturday night the couples enjoyed watching the movie "War Room,"



Drs. Consuegra

followed by fun social activities. Several of the couples that attended are attending church and preparing for church membership.

At the conclusion of the retreat, Drs. Consuegra invited the couples present to renew their marriage vows and had a special prayer of dedication for all.



Happy couples.

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## **Family Ministries Offers Options**

In addition to events, our conference has a lending library of Marriage Seminar DVD's that local churches and individuals can check out for free and keep for 3 months as they desire. We have two sets of each of these four different seminar sets: "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage" by Mark Gungor, "Mad About Marriage-Flipping the Switch" by Mike & Gayle Tucker, "Love & Respect" by Emerson Eggerich, and "Hidden Keys to Loving Relationships" by Gary Smalley.

Some people would never go to a marriage

## Mission Statement

Our mission of evangelism is to provide resources, training, and networking opportunities for those working to strengthen or rebuild families within the territory of the North American Division.

## Vision Statement

Healthy families for eternity.

### From our office

We welcome submissions of your conference or union sponsored:

- upcoming events
- photos or videos of recent events
- ministry newsletters

Please email them to [Maria.Gregory-Hernandez@nad.adventist.org](mailto:Maria.Gregory-Hernandez@nad.adventist.org).

retreat...they would feel too vulnerable, or couldn't afford it or wouldn't be able to find places for their children to stay...etc... etc... But, if pastors took these and presented the information in the local church for the whole church, no one needs to feel like they are being singled out as "needing help" for their marriage...

Sue Carlson, Family Ministries Director  
Kansas-Nebraska Conference

## Men Move Mountains

A 120 men braved the frigid -8 below weather to attend the annual Wisconsin Men's Conference weekend retreat, held January 15-17 at Camp Wakonda. Though it was extremely cold outside, most hearts were burning within with the spiritual messages presented by special guest speaker Pastor Ivor Meyers who spoke on the Blueprint of the Sanctuary. With their Bibles wide open these men searched through the scriptures seeing the theme of Christ love and sacrifice for them unfold. The men also enjoyed the many break-out group sessions that were based on this year's theme "Walking by Faith."



Group sessions.

Guest break-out speakers Pr. Carlos Ancheta presented Walking with God in Prayer, Pr. Jean-Marcel Clouzet discussed

biblical applications on Walking with God in Purity and Conference Executive Secretary / Treasurer Brian Stephan shared with the men on "Walking with God in Personal Finances." Come Sunday morning the men were burning with the fire of God and ready to go back to their churches sharing what they had learned. What a blessing for all! (For more photos, click [here](#).)

## **Singles Valentines Weekend in Abbotsford British Columbia**

We had a beautiful get together. At one time we had more than 45 people with us. Some came for the first time and said, that it was "the most fascinating, rewarding and beautiful weekend in fellowship". It started on Friday after 5 p.m. with a great dinner. After worship on Sabbath we shared potluck and in the afternoon time was spent with music, worship and a walk. The group enjoyed an evening dinner and a

movie. Most went to bed after midnight.

Breakfast was buffet style and most had to leave soon after.

We had Oregonians, Washingtonians and British Columbia

(B.C.) singles here.

Beds were provided by B.C. singles and the whole cost was to bring a meal. The following weekend we met in Las Vegas. We flew there for the weather and for the low cost. Our resort was beautiful with many pools and hot tubs.

British Columbia, Oregon, Washington, Nevada and California singles are participating. We met there. The cost for 5 days was \$250.00 with flight included plus some meals. We meet on a regular basis and would be



Singing with the guys.

happy if you join us anytime. For more information, please join us on Facebook at BCSDA Singles Group or join me at Jana Bislin and I can forward the information to you. We have more than



200 members. Blessings to all.

Jana Bislin,  
ASAM Coordinator  
British Columbia Conference

Three is good  
company

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## **British Columbia and Nevada-Utah Conference Singles**

Jana Bislin B.C. SDA Singles Co ordinator and leader, and Angela Correa, the Representative of the Nevada SDA Singles will closely work together in the future to make it possible for all singles to meet again and spread the good work further. New friendships were formed. It was a fabulous time for all in Las Vegas. They visited Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam and Lake Mead.

Blessings on their work, please pray for these groups. The BC SDA Singles Group has now almost 230 members from 4 states and their events are all posted on their Facebook Site.



Enjoying some time together.

Jana Bislin, ASAM Coordinator  
British Columbia Conference

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## **The Adventist Conference on Family Research and Practice--Call for Papers**

The Adventist Conference on Family Research and Practice is an annual conference held at Andrews University designed to provide professionals and Family Ministries Leaders alike the opportunity to be exposed to best practice strategies and research in the area of Family Therapy, Family Studies and Family Ministry in order to enhance ministry to families. We are interested in papers with a family-related practice focus for the Friday workshops, particularly those with an emphasis on integrating faith and practice. The theme of the 2016 ACFRP conference is Healthy Families: Building a Strong Foundation. Therefore, papers that research or practice across the lifespan would be of special interest. Papers will be accepted on a variety of family topics, and will be reviewed by a panel of family life experts. ([Read more.](#))

Front Desk ...

## Good News

We are pleased to announce that Maria Gregory-Hernandez, our Administrative Assistant for NAD/Family Ministries is now in the office on Monday- Thursday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. In addition to supporting Family Ministries, Maria will be working with NAD/Children's Ministries under the direction of Sherri Urigh. Her direct telephone number which is the same for both offices is 301.680.6442. Please feel free to call her any time to let her know how we may better serve you.

Dr. Pamela Consuegra  
NAD/Family Ministries

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## 2016 Awareness Dates

May 21 - Single Adult Sabbath  
September 3 - Men's Day of Prayer  
September 11-17 - Family Togetherness Week  
September 17 - Family Togetherness Sabbath

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Save the Date!



**NAD ADVENTIST MINISTRIES CONVENTION  
JANUARY 8-11, 2017**

**Resources**

[Welcome to the Family](#)

[Porn Doesn't have to be the Norm](#)

Help! I'm a Parent Kit

[English](#) | [Spanish](#)

[Help! I'm a Parent](#)

Devotional

A Follower of Jesus - Discipleship Guide

[English](#) | [Spanish](#)

Making Jesus My Best Friend - Baptismal Guide

[English](#) | [Spanish](#)

[A New Generation of Adventists](#)

A study on Marriage and family within the Church.

[Family](#), [ASAM](#), and [Men's Ministries](#) training programs.

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